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CASE 3：

春（㊸～㊽）

男女両方の器官を持って生まれた「IS」（インターセクシャル）の春。
志向は男子、なのに身体は女性化が進行中。夢は、ISについて知ってもらい、ISのまま生きてゆくのが自然になること。
春＆マクソン＆みゆ、IS三人で"家族"を築き、みゆの人間不信を払拭中。
だが、離れつつも互いを想いあっている春と伊吹の気持ちを知り、みゆがとった行動とは……!?

確率として2000人に1人といわれるISを、恋とリアルな感情で綴る感涙作！

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MESSAGE

15巻です!!
こんなに長く描かせて
いただけるなんて……。
この本を読んでくださる皆様
本当にありがとうございます!!

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人物紹介

Characters

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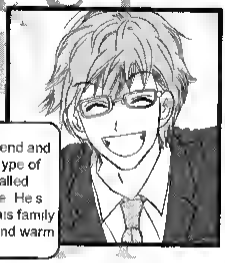
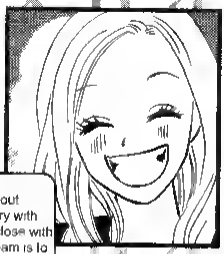
Hoshino Haru
An intersex person born with both male and female sex organs. He identifies as male, but his body is becoming progressively more female. He's always optimistic in any situation and brightens the hearts of those around him. Currently working towards his dream is of becoming a patissier!
Dad - Tero
Mom - Yoko
Natsu (older twin)
Aki (younger twin)
Fuyu (little brother)

Ibuki Kenji
Haru s first love In the winter of 2nd year his father found out about his relationship with Haru and made him transfer schools He and Heru promised to meet again but 5 years later he has a g rifriend He lives in company housing near his mother and sister

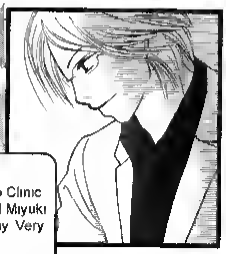
Miyu
A 16-year-old intersex girl who lives with Haru Her mother s abuse as well as school bullying has made Miyu suspicious of others



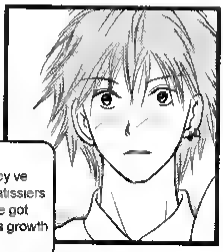
Amakusa Koki
Makuson Heru s friend and neighbor he has a type of intersex condition called Klinefelter syndrome He s had problems with his family but has an honest and warm personality



Oba Nene
Ibuki s girlfriend Without knowing Heru s history with Ibuki she becomes close with both of them Her dream is to build a warm family



Himuro Kyoichiro
Head of the Himuro Clinic He helps an injured Miyuki when she runs away Very hot-headed



Motoki Hirotaka
Haru s coworker They ve both wanted to be patissiers since high school He got popular after hitting a growth spurt

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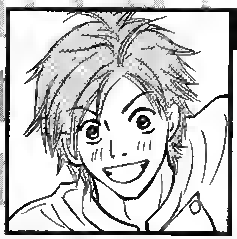

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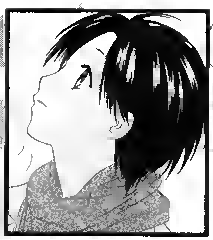

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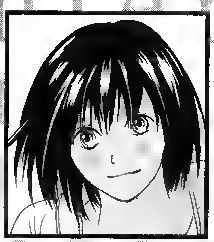

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★この物語はフィクションです。
実在の人物・団体名とは関係ありません。

CASE 3：春㊺

Do you guys remember me?
Yep, it's that boy who dreamed of being a patissier...
I've got an early shift today, so I've gotta go.
What? You're leaving already, Motoki -kun?
ぴと♥
Can't you stay a little longer?
はうり
You're hungry, aren't you?

You can
have me
for
breakfast.
Don't mind if I do!
I grew
10 cm
since
graduation.
I always
thought
bakers were
more serious.
クス
クス
With the
money
I earned,
I bought
new
clothes
and got
a haircut.
AM
AM

I am serious.
Entertaining people is my business.
I need practice and study.
The truth is, I'm in training right now...
Eeek! You're so naughty Motoki-kun!
チュッ♡
And no one called me "cute" anymore
Girls started approaching me
He's so cool!
Do you think he's a patissier, too?
キャッ
Motoki Hirotaka, age 23.
Heh.. hehehe.
カチャ

Currently living life to the fullest
Good morning!
He's so friendly!
Squee!
But...
I like Hoshino-sensei better...
What!?
He's so kind
and always listens to my problems.
He really understands where I'm coming from.
Oh yeah?
Hoshino's more popular than me, but still.
After all, he's a chief.
And he's a chief...
I want to join the cake class, too.
No luck! There's no spaces open for six months.
Well...

Thanks to him, they're getting more and more new customers.
We've even been getting event requests lately...
He's such a hard worker.
He's up for a promotion...
ズーン
ズーン
You're late, Motoki!!
Chief
What're you all down about?
I was just thinking how amazing Chief Hoshino is...
Ahaha, Don't compare yourself.
He's special!!!

But he's both mixed together.
So he's unique...
Girls are white.
Guys are black.
Special?
He's like a panda the customers are drawn to.

I've been trying not to make waves
And the boss is a sly fox
Keeping him in captivity like that
Ever since I started here
Poor thing!
Ah haha
I hardly ever talk to Hoshino anymore
カタ-ン
Thank you
Ibuki!?
He seems to be enjoying it, though.
A panda, huh...?
Huh?
Hmmm?

Huh!? Why?
Oh right! He must've moved back.
Ibuki!
(pant)
(pant)
Long time, no see!! When did you get back?
Who are you?
Motoki!?
Shorter
Damn it... All you remember is that I was short

Wow...
Hoshino must be thrilled to have you around again.
We're...
He seems to be happy at work..
.....
not together anymore
!
I...have a girlfriend now.
ガチャッ
Huh?

Why?
But you were so...
There's no reason.
.....
I changed schools
and moved to Tokyo,
but I couldn't shake the rumors about me and Hoshino.
.....

My dad wasn't happy about that.
Soon after, he took a position overseas and took me with him.
It was stifling living with him...
I had to beg him to let me come back here for college.
It was too much to bear alone.
But still there were rumors.
I don't know what I'd have done without my girlfriend...

But...
I was weak.
It doesn't excuse betraying Hoshino.
My feelings didn't stay the same for those 5 years.
That's all.

That...
was unexpected.
But I understood how he felt
"Would you like to join our staff?"
This job was my dream...
And yet every morning, I think
"Ugh, work again... Damn it."

ガチャッ
!
Hoshi_no!?
Hey
What the hell? His face is blue
……

I was shocked.
His shoulder felt too skinny
Thanks, Motoki...
Oh
Is break time over already?
Mm...
He didn't used to be like this
Is there something really wrong with him?
Um, hey...

I'm fine!!
You're not fine.
If you don't want to say anything, I can tell the owner for you.
That you're not feeling well, I mean.
I'm fine. I'm almost there.
?
The cake class is coming along
and I've really shown what I can do.

I've...never been let in the kitchen these past 5 years.
!
I'm way behind everyone else.
But I'm this close to making my dream come true.
So...
I'm fine!!

Don't you have work?
I called in "sick"
Hoshino
hadn't changed in 5 years.
Wel-come home!
He still feels the same
I'm gonna try my best..."
"Even if I have to take the long way round
Do you think we'll still feel the same in 5 years?
Hey...
Aaha

AHAHA
Who knows? That's so far off
We've only been dating 2 years
"You idiot!"
"We can't serve this!"
Why am I with her anyway?
I'm going to the store.
Oh that's right
That day I was bummed out over work.

A light on in the shop?
Please let me try again!!

When we made love
I could forget.
When things weren't going well
and console myself
I could look away
I ran away.
"Hoshino"
Let's aim for the top!!"
But I never got what I really wanted.
ガサ

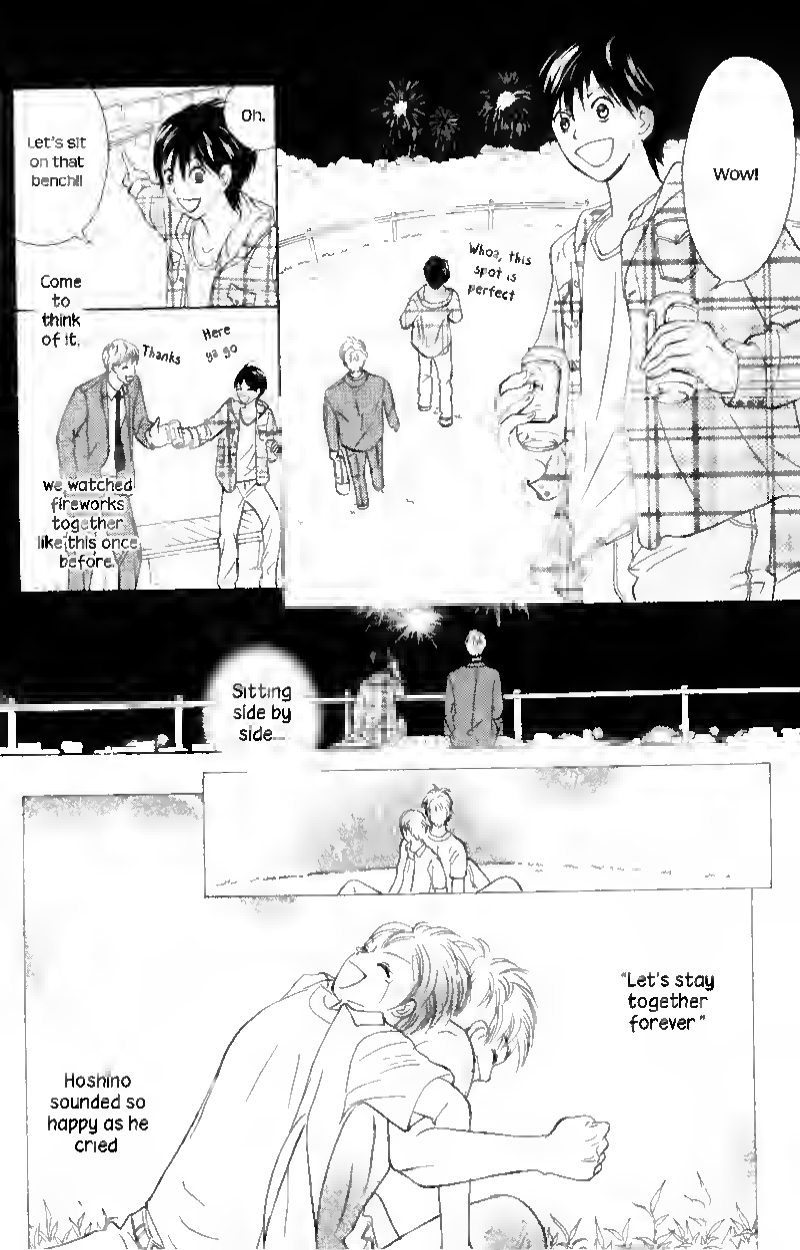
"He's so cool!"
"He's special."
It was a cycle
"I...was just weak."
of excuses
and regrets and deceit.
My life
is empty!!

カシャッ
Motoki -san!?
I'll do the dishes.
I wanted to go back.
ガシャッ
Back to when I was excited just to be here.
It might be too late now
to make up for lost time.
But even so...
Today
I'm starting over as a first-year.
うりゃあああ
I've gotta do this
Or I'll regret it the rest of my life

Huh ...?
Do you really...
Are you sure, Ibuki?
want to let Hoshino go?
I think...
you'll never meet a guy like Hoshino again.

Looking at him
How can he work so hard..?
makes me realize
I've gotta do what's most important to me...
Are you sure?
You
really aren't... going to regret it?

CAMERA SHOP
……
Wah!
ドン
S-sorry.
I was looking at the fir_works and not watching where I was going...
ドーン
Oh...
"Are you sure?"
Hoshino.
Want to watch the fireworks together?


Let's sit on that bench!!
Oh.
Come to think of it.
Thanks
Here ya go
We watched fireworks together like this once before.
Who, this spot is perfect
Wow!
Sitting side by side...
"Let's stay together forever"
Hoshino sounded so happy as he cried

Hoshi—
I've gotta work harder.
.....
Hoshino is here beside me.
And now...
It's just...
lately the owner said I've been getting better at pastry-making.
Huh...?

I mean...
And I feel like I'm finally getting the recognition I craved.
People like us,
we can't have a real family.
and make my own cakes.
So I want to have a shop
Even if it's just for a moment.
I want to be able to shine

I want to feel like there's some proof I was alive.
I love Hoshino.
He's always looking forward
Not looking down
And I
So until then...

I've just gotta suck it up and work harder.
Back to that time
I wish I could go back
stuck on the past.
...But I'm the only one
Hoshino is looking at the future.

We're here together
but we see different things.
He's shining.
But looks so fragile and breakable...
Hoshino is facing his dreams.

I love him...
Ibuki...?
I thought I'd never get to touch him again.

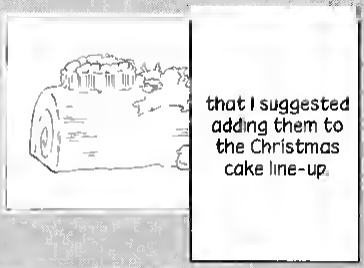
Don't say...
"just for a moment."
I want
you to be happy forever.
Oh...
You're gonna be an amazing patissier, right?
So work for it.

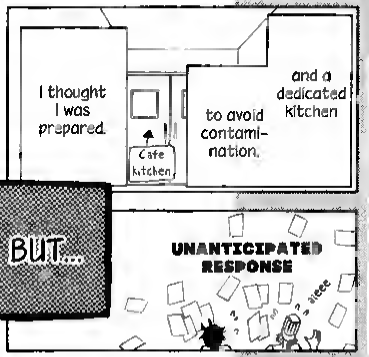
He's important to me, so all I need is for him to always be smiling.
I won't ever tell anyone how I feel.
of having a hole in my heart
I'll live with this feeling
I made up my mind to move forward from this negative place
and then..
I'll find my own future.

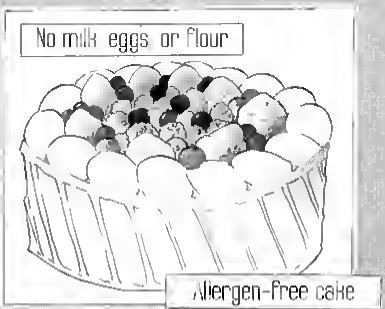
jingle bells
jingle bells
Christmas
The busiest time of the year was here.
Hmm?
Hoshi...no...

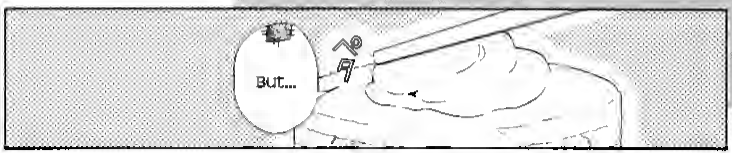
Yeah
But still
チラ
But...
It's Christmas, so we kinda need them.
パコッ
Next year...
let's skip the Christmas cakes...
ペッタ
ペッタ
order form
キュッ
清
済
en paper Done
ズラー
There's no way!
The two of us can't make all these!
The allergen-free cakes
were such a hit in the cake class

With an understanding staff
OPPOSED!!
Fill of Fill


that I suggested adding them to the Christmas cake line-up.


I thought I was prepared.
Cafe kitchen
to avoid contamination.
and a dedicated kitchen
BUT...
UNANTICIPATED RESPONSE


No milk eggs or flour
Allergen-free cake


But...

Th...anks.
Making this...
with no cream... is really an accomplishment.

Maybe Santa will give us a big present.
Ha haha ha
D_ooc
Yay
ペタ
パコッ
!!
Shooting star

Santa, please give me a girlfriend, please.
Huh? I thought you had one...
a girlfriend...
Gasp
She cheated on me 'cause I was working so much...
S-sorry, Motoki.
Oh, look, another shooting star!!
Girlfriend, girlfriend, girlfriend... A cuter girlfriend than my last one...

hope I can work in the kitchen next year.
The same winter I made that wish to Santa Claus. 5 years after I started working there.
the owner called me into his office
ガチャッ
Excuse me

Hoshino.
Motoki.
The reason I've called you two here today
Is because of how well your allergen-free Christmas cakes did.
We have orders from local elementary schools and preschools and hospitals.
And
So...
Thank-you letters
And more commissions.

A shop whose sweets are gentle on the body.
to regularly stock allergen-free cakes.
I want the next shop we open
Huh!?
Would you two like to give it a try?
What do you say?

Hoshino-kun would be the manager
and Motoki-kun would be the head baker.
It would be a small-scale shop,
but I want
you two to be in charge of it

We did it!
ぼー
がし
We did it.
Hoshi no.
パター
"And of course Motoki-kun won't be able
to run the kitchen on his own."
"Hoshi-no-kun"
"You'll be needed in the kitchen too."
I...!

I did it!
Wow!
After 5 years I finally got my big chance!!
And the owner has put his faith in me.
So many people have supported me.
Good luck.

I've gotta work hard for their sakes.
You want a half-size cake?
Yes.
A lot of students will be passing by the new shop.
I want our shop to cater to those young women
who want to try everything a little bit at a time.
So you want to have half-size cakes and the big sellers sent over from the main shop?
Yeah, we'll make only allergen-free cakes here.
If we have requests we'll ask the main shop
I'm concerned about the cost, though..
Wow...

Let's go, Motoki
Tch!
Stupid panda.
We
have to make this a success.

But...
my body refuses to do what I tell it to
Ever since overdoing it at Christmas,
It's nothing.
for some time off, but...
to ask the owner...
to tell you...
ぎゅっ
I want...

It's make it or break it for us right now.
So if you're having trouble, just tell me what to do
and I'll do it!!
We can do this!

There's a lot of cars heading home at this hour...
クラ
!
Not again.
It's almost within reach...
I've finally made it this far...

I knew what would happen
if I tried to ignore it,
but...
I kne it.
ガシャ
ズ
ズズッ
so I kept putting it off.
I hate being asked
this impossible question.
"Male"
"or female."
"Which do you choose?"
And now
I'm paying the price.

Snow.
I don't want anything
Not even this body..

I'm not asking for much
Like to live as a guy
I don't even need love
But...
My dream...

I want to have my own shop
All my own
Just please let this one dream
come true
Please...

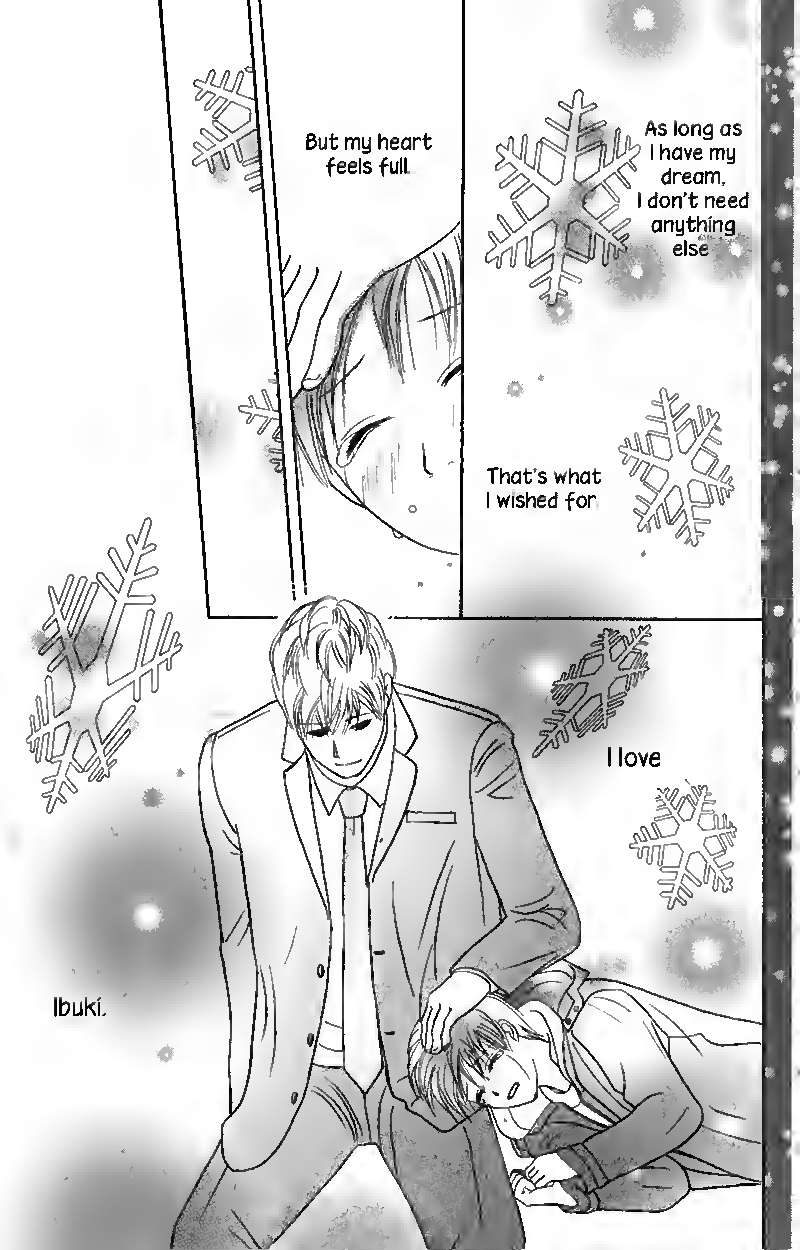
I want to feel some proof of my existence.
Huh...?
I...buki?

Oh...
It's a dream...
You've overdone it.
Your shoulders are so thin.
It's almost...
a reality.
I've got
to work hard now.

It's just for a little longer
I want to feel that I can do it
even with this body
But
I know
that you're shining.

And in the future,
no matter happens to your body
and even if your dreams are crushed,
I'll remember
how hard you tried.

I'll be watching over you.
Always.
You'll always be special to me.


But my heart feels full
As long as I have my dream, I don't need anything else
That's what I wished for
I love
Ibuki.

No matter how much I deny it,
he
is special to me.
If I stay in this dream
as long as the snow falls,

then
I pray
it never
stops
snowing
I wont to
be alone
with him
Just a
little longer.
...Please...

Then
I can try again.
I want
this sweet feeling in my heart

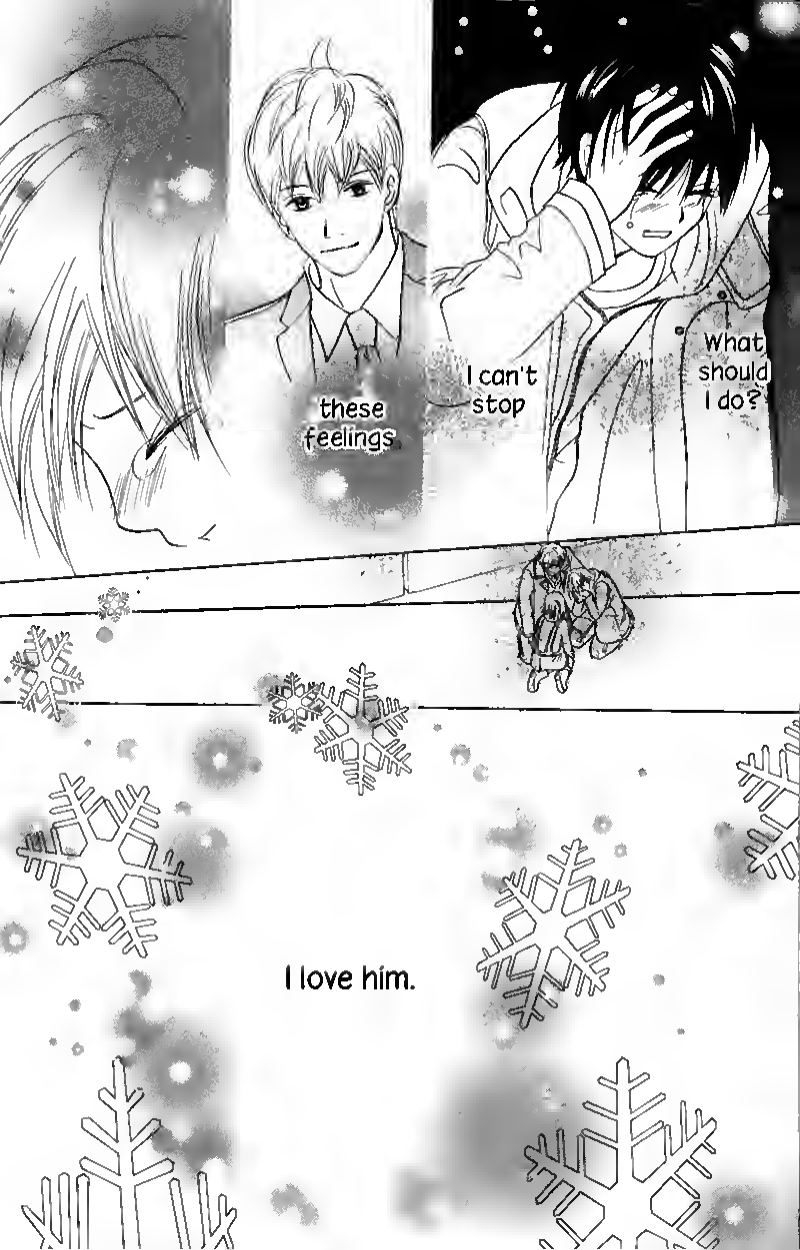
a little longer.
Just a little longer...

Hoshino, are you OK!?
Haru!!
Huh...?
I'm sorry.
Don't be I was just surprised to find him collapsed.
It...
Hoshino.

Don't overdo it
wasn't a dream?
This Christ-mas
Santa had given me
a magical time

A special time when I could be honest
with the one I love
Haru, are you all right?
"That you're shining."
I'm all right.
"I know."

Haru?
Hoshi... no?
"Always."
"I'll be watching over you."
"You're special to me."
Are you hurt?
Haru.
Ibuki...


these feelings
I can't stop
What should I do?
I love him.

"Hoshino."
"You're special to me."
His words won't leave my head.

"I'll be watching over you."
"Na matter happens ta yaur bady"
"Even if yaur dreams are crushed"
January.
I went to the doctor for the first time
since starting wark
Oh!
I wanted to get tests taken
sa I wauldn't callapse at wark again.
As for
the results of the tests..

You need to begin female hormone therapy immediately.
Things have gotten even worse
than they were a few years ago.
That has led to anemia.
There's autonomic dysfunction due to hormonal imbalance.
And extremely late onset of menstruation due to low ovarian function.
you will experience symptoms
eventually
If this is not treated
due to low estrogen levels.
We also found some osteoporosis

that will have adversely affect your everyday life
Makuson, hurry!

Hey... wait!
Miyu, hurry!!
Miyu, do you want a hardboiled egg!?
No!!
Doors closing
The results of the tests were "treatment recommended".
The reason I'd gone to the doctor in the first place ..
WAAAAH!
Sorie!

A belated New Year's present.
What's... this?
!
ガサ
Here.
...A sleeping bag?
Now you can nap wherever you want!!
?
?
?

I know I can bake,
but I've got no head for management,
so I was in a panic.
I was really worried when you were sick at Christmas.
It looks kinda silly, but it's better than you disappearing...
With this you can lie down if you're tired.
So!
What I'm saying...
Huh?

Is that I
need you!!
Hoshino!
Without you
our shop
can't function!

get even busier
Yay!
Want some?
Things will prabably..
Wow!
So when I happened to have a day off
I took Miyu
and went back to visit my folks
Haru!

Welcome home!
Which car do you want to ride in, Miyu-chan?
Why two cars?
You're so cute!
Are you Miyu -chan?
So!

ガタン
Wh...
Why
ガタ
ガガ
did you choose Natsu?
I don't know!
Why don't you ride with Aki then!?
Why is it a manual?
beep beep
Come on!
Aki's car
Uh... maybe this was the better choice?
It had been a while
since I'd been back home

but nothing had changed.
Welcome!
Just leave it to me
Huh? Are you cooking?
Hey
Hey
Is Miyu-chan here!?
ガチャッ!

Is this your friend from Shizuku no Kai?
It's OK.
I'm Haru's mom, Yoko.
Nice to meet you.
Go on, Miyu.
I...I'm Kanzaki Miyu.
Nice to meet you.
Stew's ready!

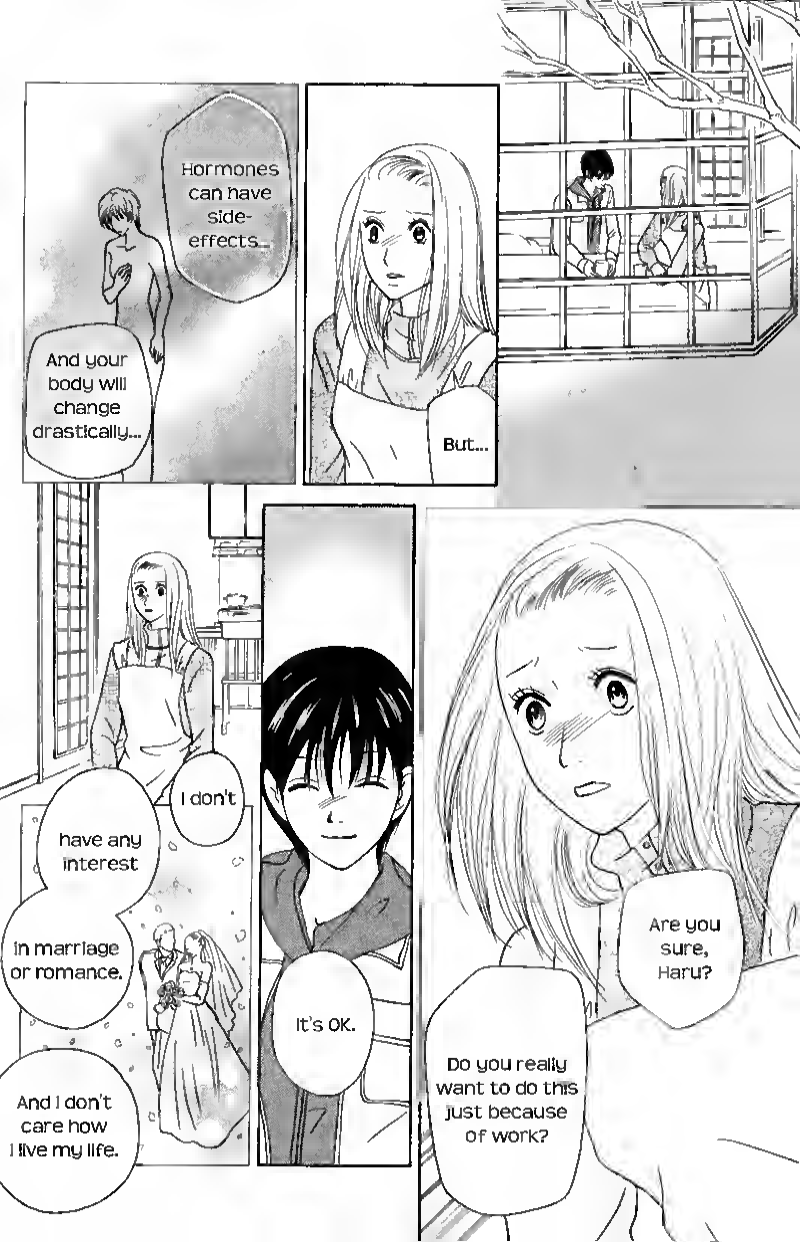
It's delicious
Let's eat!
Amazing
Wow!
What's wrong, Miyu?
I thought ...
this sort of thing was a big old lie.
A loving family...

Haha!
I can't believe it...
it's like an ad for stew.
I feel like
I've found my real family.

There's something bothering you, isn't there?
You didn't even come home on New Year's, after all...
So?
What's the real reason you're here?
Here.
It's best to get it off your chest.

You
really are amazing.
Always thinking of us all...
I'm...
thinking about taking female hormones.
!
But, Haru...
You hated it.
What brought this on!?

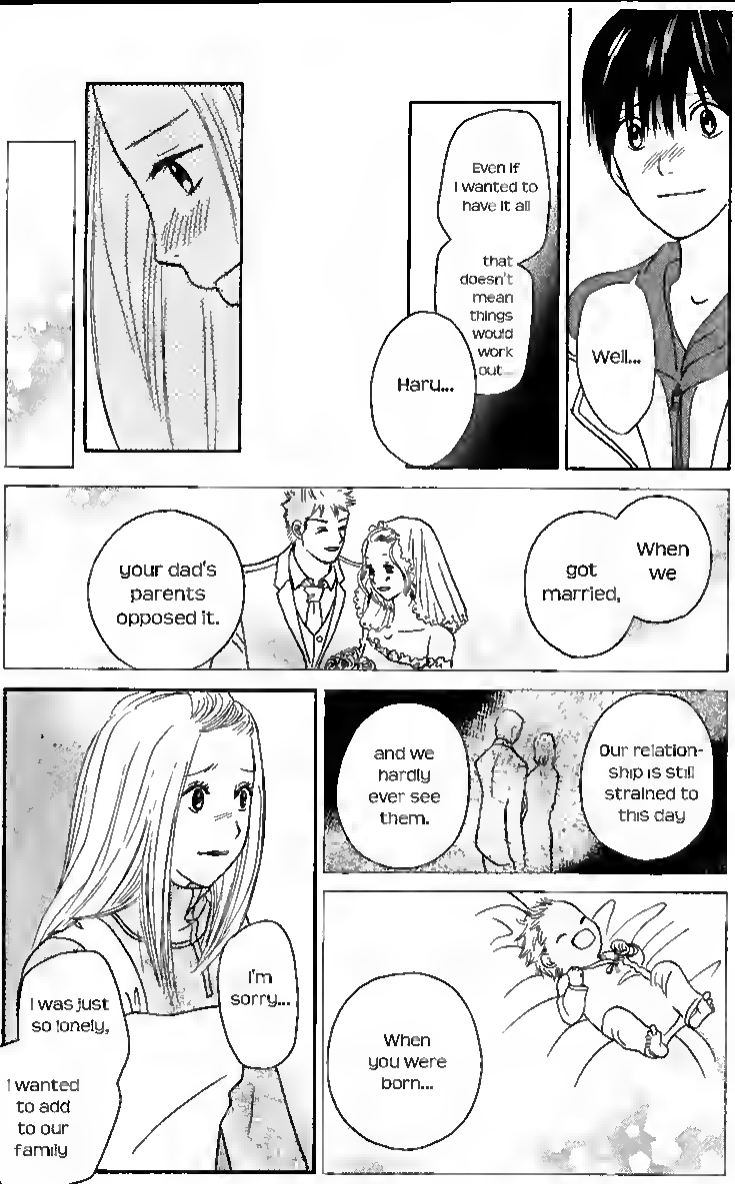
I'm the manager now,
but I'm in such bad shape...
So I went to the doctor ...
"I need to be able to do my job"
"Even if that means taking female hormones"
"Haru. . kun?"
"Please"


Hormones can have side-effects...
And your body will change drastically...
But...
Are you sure, Haru?
Do you really want to do this just because of work?
It's OK.
I don't have any interest in marriage or romance.
And I don't care how I live my life.

All I want is to make the shop a success.
what if your shop goes out of business?
But...
cut some-thing off..
You're willing to go that far...
He's trying to ...
Haru...

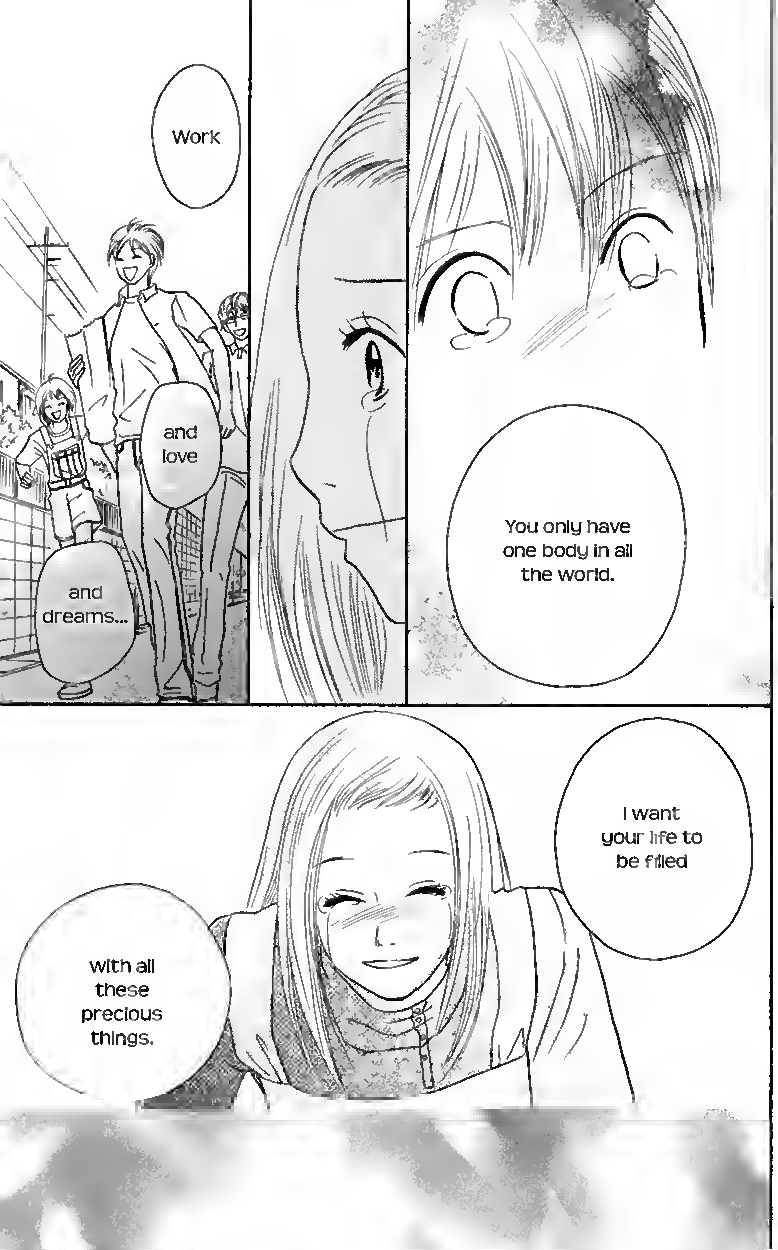
If the shop goes under
what will you have left?
Huh...?
It's not unthinkable, is it?
That something like that might happen...
...Well, then...
zzz
I'll have... my family.

I have Miyu and Makuson.
The two of them have made my world so much bigger.
Haru
That's true...
But...
What if something happened and they left?


Even if I wanted to have it all
that doesn't mean things would work out...
Haru...
Well...
your dad's parents opposed it.
When we got married,
and we hardly ever see them.
Our relationship is still strained to this day
I'm sorry...
I was just so lonely,
I wanted to add to our family
When you were born...

they said I was just trying
they said I was just trying
But then
We all tried to protect you.
Life doesn't always go the way you want it.
But when times were hard,
It was you all who were always there for me.

Things don't always work out
so the more things you have that are important to you, the better.
but you shouldn't
It's not a bad thing to work hard,
throw everything else away for that.
Don't force yourself...
to change your body just for that.


Work
and love
and dreams...
You only have one body in all the world.
I want your life to be filled
with all these precious things.

That's how
I want you to be happy.
I saw...
Ibuki again.
When it was snowing the other day...
And then
I knew.

I still love him.
He's special to me.
What should I do...?
Nene, Miyu, Makuson...
I don't want to hurt them...

Time will show you the way.
You don't have to rush to an answer.
You're so kind.
If you have a good heart and treat everyone right,
I know the answer will come to you.
Even...
if you're parted now...

If he's the one you're destined for, you'll meet again.
For now...
Just enjoy the time you have with everyone.
.....
Are you...
sure ...?
I'm sure.

So please find as much happiness
as you can.

Mommy
Who's that?
Some-one else you love?
Mommy.
Wait.
Don't leave me!
Don't leave me alone!

that would prevent osteo-porosis.
but refused anything more
I asked them for a course of treat-ment
I went back to the hospital the next day
Sensei.
A woman should take female hormones...
Listen! You can't just pick and choose!
He is intersex.
He's not a woman.
Please respect
his unique situation.

I brought cake!!
ガチャ
And fried chicken!
I wanted to respect my own feelings,
Miyu, I'm home!
ガサ
Tada! It's one year since you came here...
Miyu!
I need to live each day to the fullest...
Like my mom said,
Do you know what day today is?

Miyu!?
Exactly one year after we met,
Miyu...
suddenly disappeared

はあ
Humans are demons.
はあ
Grab that kid!
They're not trust-worthy.
I'll be abandoned again!
It's an eat-and-run!

Are you awake?
A... hospital?
!?
What's your name?
Your address?
Contact information?

You're a runaway, aren't you?
……
You pulled an eat-and-run,
then got hit by a car and kept running.
I saw the whole thing. Give up.
……
Then I'll have to call the cops...
No answer, eh?
ピンポーン
ガタガタ

Oh, and your leg is bro--
...Too late.
...!
Good grief.
I don't know what you're running from,
but just fill out this questionnaire.
プイ
If you won't fill it out... that must mean
your body is what's troubling you...?
I'm back,
Sen--

Shohei, get her to the sickroom!
↑ ques-tion-naire
Himuro ...
sen... sei?
Lemme go, yau bastard!
After running away
I found myself at this dodgy clinic.
HIMURO CLINIC

He may not look like it,
but Himuro-sensei's a good guy.
Just look at the sickroom.
VIP ROOM
This way patients never get bored.
I'm the one who decorated it
.....

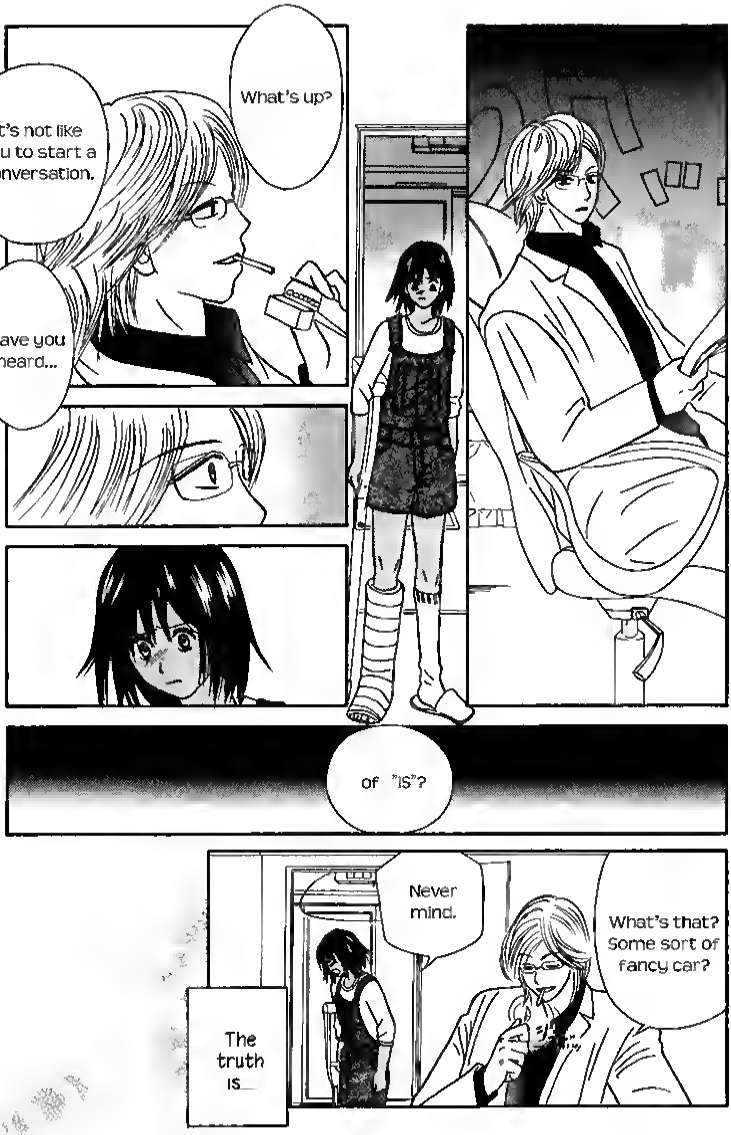
Photo Thanks!

元気になって
結婚して
お庭に放てね♡
氷室先生♡
アーキ
ホッ
ホッ
Hey.
He's real popular cause he doesn't make anyone pay if they can't afford it.
Wow!
You can make it as big as you want
And as many as you want
How'd they make those?
Oh, with this
Why is there a copier in the sick-room...?
It's a copier.
and tada!!
Press your face down
Then just press the poster button
YOU BRATS!

YOU CAN'T EVEN PAY YOUR BILLS
ひいっ
ペシ
ペシ
AND NOW YOU'RE WASTING EVEN MORE MONEY...
す
And you can cook!
B-but I'm injured.
Shohei!
ビシ
You're going to go help Masa at 5 tomorrow!
!?
カラン
カラン

IF YOU CAN'T PAY,
THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO WORK.
OR WOULD YOU RATHER I CALL THE POLICE?
……
One leg may be broken,
but you've still got your arms and another leg.
So do as much work as you can with 3 limbs!
The world's not so kind to thieves.
Thank you, Himuro -sensei.
It was nothing
I promise I'll pay for the medicine.
Fank you, Shenshei! Dis for you!

origami
It's true.
He's a good guy.
Tada!
Here's my room
Closet
Oh yeah?
Are you a runaway, Miyu-chan?
Me, too!
Mister.


What's up?
It's not like you to start a conversation.
Have you heard...
of "IS"?
Never mind.
What's that? Some sort of fancy car?
The truth is...

I already know
IS
not all humans are demons.
Intersexual
Haru.
Just like her.
But Haru will change, too.

...It's better to leave first
than be abandoned...
MIYU!
He's fallen in "love" with some idiot
and that will warp him...
Miyu?

Miyu!?
ガチャッ
Sooorry!
Miyu's not hoooome!

Who is iiiit?
Hello.
I'm Miyu's mom.
Hello.
I'm Hoshino from Shizuku no Kai.
This is the first time we've met, isn't it?
But I called the other day...
to tell you Miyu had disappeared...

What?
I can't be in my own home?
As you can see, I've just been dumped,
so I'm throw-ing myself a pity party!
What?
Then what are you doing here?
So what?
I told you Miyu's not here!
What!?
Mothers are people, too.
I can't sacrifice everything for my child.
Can't a mother fall in love, too!?

But...
You...
I raised that kid for 16 years!
You don't understand anything
so don't look at me like that!
Don't tell me how to raise my kid
until you've been parents yourselves!!

How can she
call herself a parent ...?
She leaves Miyu every time she finds a new guy.
Poor thing.
.....
"I love him."
"I love Ibuki."

I can't blame her.
Miyu was listening
It's my fault.
What .. should I do?
...Huh?
I...
Hoshi... no?
I failed her.

Mister
What should someone like me do
to be able to live on their own?

I don't know.
You don't know?
Are you... intersex?
my body is different...
...And I never got my period.
I've never heard
the specifics.
I just know...

...My mom said...
I wish I'd never had you."

First
you'll need to have a physical examination.
Then we can talk about what to do after that.
I thought I wanted to live on my own.
I didn't want to see Horu change.
I couldn't bear being abandoned
Not..
by Horu
the one person I could trust..

Miyu.
I have the results for you.
Your chromosomes are 46XY.
Technically speaking, you're male.
Is that hard to take?
This is reality, though.
Inside you

are two testes.
And no vaginal canal.
AIS...
It's a type of intersexuality
where cells fail to respond to the male hormones and the body appears outwardly female.
But...

I don't think you need any treatment.
You can live
as a woman if you want to.
Of course...
If it becomes an inconvenience.
You can undergo treatment if you want to.

...A long time ago
I killed my son.
He was ill.
Nothing I did made a difference.
.....
Doctors aren't gods.
I can't make you female.

then why bother?
then your physical differences won't destroy your relationships.
Just be positive.
And if you become the sort of person people trust,
So even if you undergo treatment,
your body will still be different.
And if that hurts,
Are you

going to be happy
or not?
What matters is your feelings.
Stop focusing on what hurts.
Miyu.

Believe you can be happy.
Then someday
you can say
to your mom,
"I'm happy now."

"So take that!"
Don't let it get you down.
I will live...
I will survive...

And I'll be happy.
カツ
So I wanted to cheer you up.
It's just... you were crying...
Oh!

Look.
When you're down,
you can just look at his stupid face.
Shohei,
you like her, don't you?
Thank you.
I wanted to live on my own.

Honest
and strong
In this filthy world
I wanted to strike out on my own,
away from Haru.

ガー
It's kind of weird.
I've been living here a month.
"You can live as a woman if you want to."
"Miyu"

"Are you going to be happy or not?"
"What matters is your feelings."
I keep thinking—
about Himuro-sensei—
CLACK
I keep thinking about the same thing.
Waaa!

What's the matter!?
Something's wrong with my brother.
Sensei ...
Does he have a fever?
For two days
Where's your mom?
She's been gone.
I'll call her..
カチャッ
I know their mom
There's no need.
Why not?
But ...
She's not a fit parent.

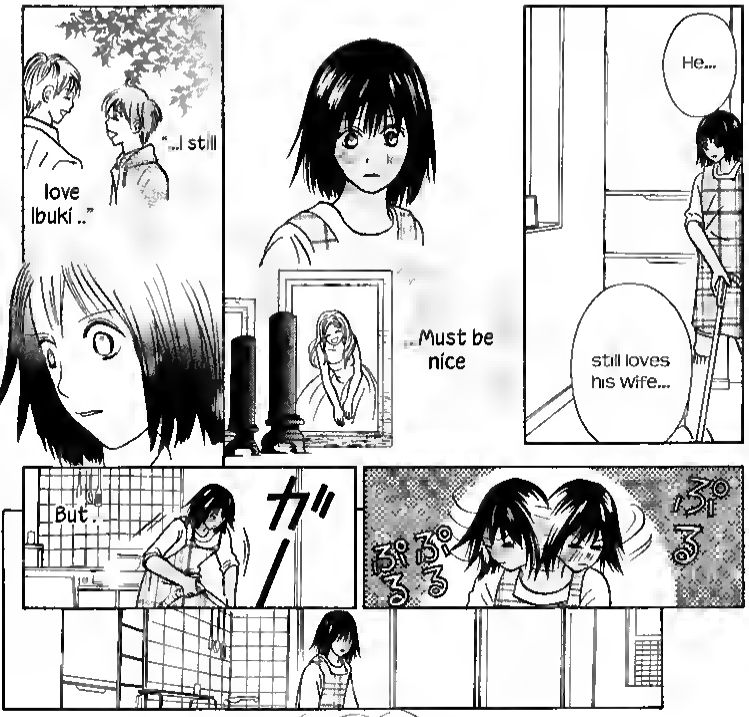
He's been beaten..!!
Their mom
latches on to any man she can find.
She's nothing but a cheap whore.
If you call her now,
these guys will just get hit again.
ドカン
"Stop it Mommy!"
"Waaaah!"
"That hurts!"

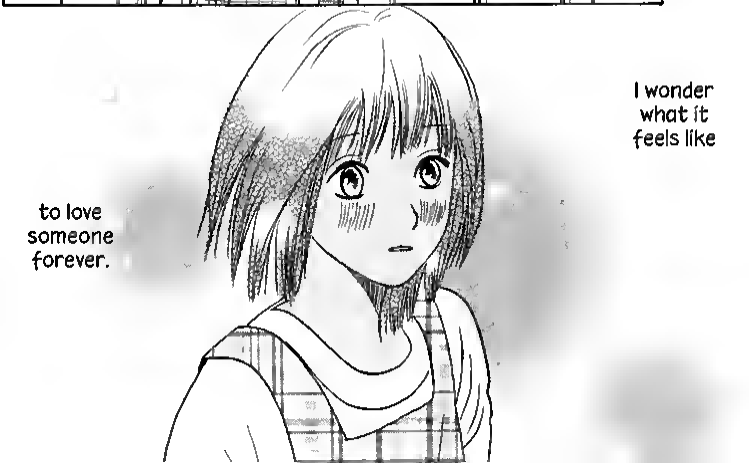
I gave him some fluids,
but when you get home, you have to make sure he drinks enough water
Listen...
.....
If he throws up or has diarrhea, give me a call
I feel weird...
Ugh...not again
My head feels fuzzy
You're in charge, OK?
I'll come to you next time

Did that surprise you, Miyu-chan?
Shohei-kun...
He's really nice to kids.
So they sometimes come in like that.
He fell in love and got married.
But his wife died in childbirth.
And though he promised to make his son happy,
he died, too, 7 years later...
.....

how he's dressed ever since his son died.
That's
You've seen how he always wears black under his white coat, right?
And he still loves his wife.
He once said,
"With love,
there's the real thing and there's imitation."

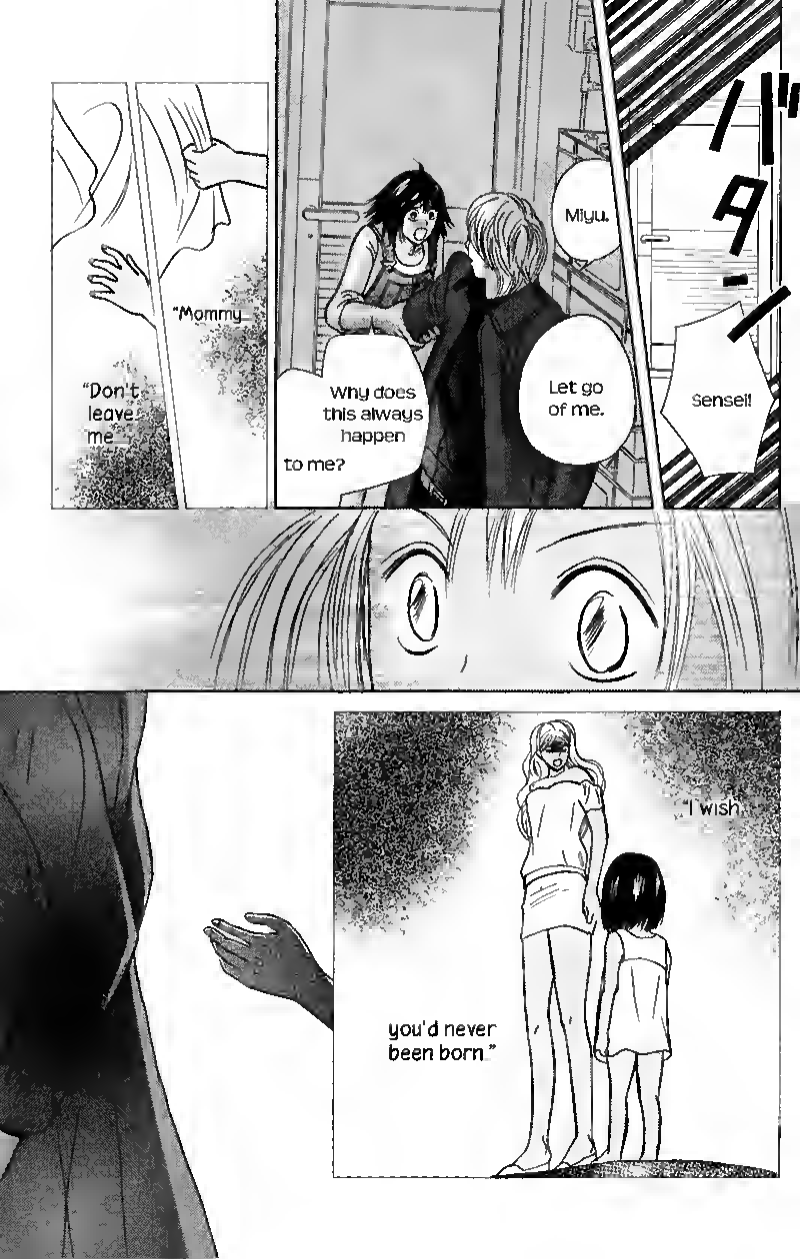
"The real thing never fades."
"Not even after hundreds of years."
"Not even if the one you love dies."
カシ
"They'll always be shining in your heart."


"...I still love Ibuki.."
...Must be nice
He...
still loves his wife...
But..
ガー
ぷるぷる
ぷるぷる


I wonder what it feels like
to love someone forever.

If I stay here
maybe I'll understand someday...
Peep
Peep
Peep
Miyu.
I want you out by next week.
!

Th-that's true, but...
Don't worry about it
there'd be no one to clean..
Wh-why?
You've paid back your medical fees. There's no reason for you to stay.
Huh ..?
Go home.
Just let me stay a little longer..
I've worked so hard.
Wait a minute, sensei.
You can't
stay here.


"Mommy
"Don't leave me"
Why does this always happen to me?
Miyu.
Let go of me.
Sensei!
"I wish
you'd never been born."

You don't want me because I'm intersex.
You're ... just like her.
パシン

Stop
putting yourself down.
Miyu.
Most people
have this loneliness in their hearts.
They try to fill it with possessions
or with lovers.
But those things aren't the answer
and it only leaves you feeling empty.

If you just stay here
because it's comfortable,
aimlessly,
you'll end up just like your mom.
You'll get sucked in
to a comfortable, imitation love
and forget what you need to do.

Come with me, Miyu.
Wh-where are we going?
You need to find a reason for living.
You have to figure out what gives you
a sense of fulfilment.

T/N Ohagi are sweet sticky rice balls covered in red bean paste

People need a reason for living.
So their days will be fulfilling even when they're alone.
Without that,
you'll break down.
You can't live life all alone.
I used to be like that, too.
"He always wears black."

"That's how he's dressed ever since his son died"
Miyu,
If you're ever feeling down,
just think of this.
you may not be completely female,
and by that nonsense
there are only men and women in this world,
According to those dogmatic scientists,

But
Is your mother a perfect woman?

Her body may be completely female,
but can you say she's a perfect person?
Listen, Miyu.
Throw away your abusive past.
Stop resenting your mother.

Curses only bring bad things.
So smile
That will draw people to you.
So you can expand your possibilities.

Smile.
Get over your mother.
Then carve out a future for yourself.
OPEN
Those words
sounded so much
like Haru.

Like the person I admired.
And I realized he was thinking of me
He'd been watching me...
Why
do you care for us so much ...?
You and Shohei are like my own kids.

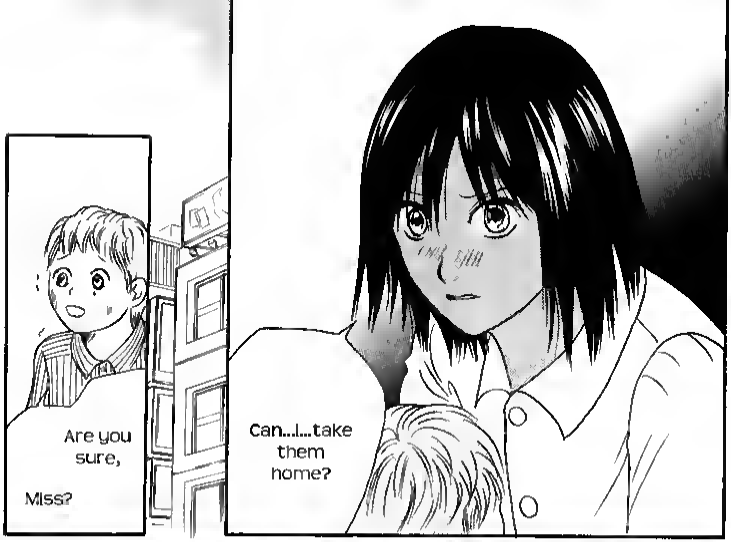
I want you
to live an honest life.
That's my wish for you.
He...wants me to live...
I want to stay by his side.

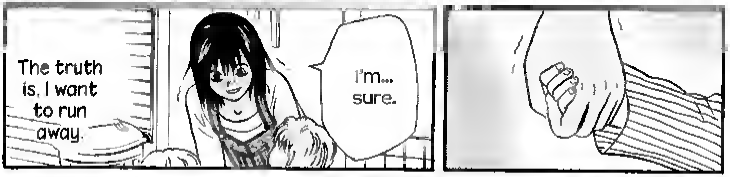
We should... head home.
The wind's getting chilly.
There's a warmth
in my chest.
I...
love him.

"Love"...
Sensei ...
I have a goal in life...
Huh ...?
But...
I can't tell you... just yet.
All right, then, Miyu.
Huh?
Bye-bye!!

If it takes the rest of my life
I'll keep chasing after him.
And when I'm all grown up
"I love you".
I'll make him say

Good morning.
ミルキー
チョン!
チョン!
Is that... cos-play?
Sensei! I found this in her room
BECOME A NURSE NOW!
And in order to do that
I have to polish myself
knock knock
Sensei!!
Mommy found the medicine.
She got really mad.
Uh
She won't let us in the house.
What should we do?
Um... Sensei?

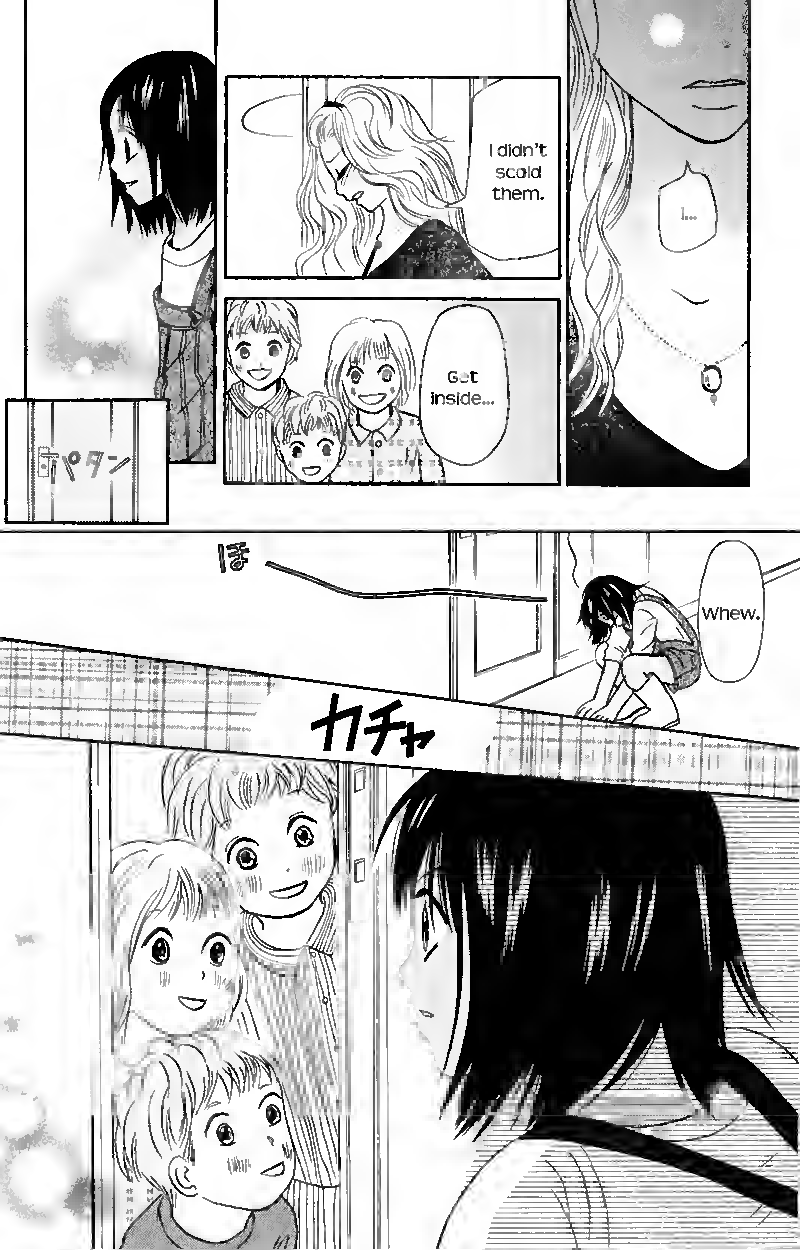

Are you sure, Miss?
Can...I...take them home?


The truth is, I want to run away.
I'm... sure.

I've gotta go
"Smile and get over your mother."
will just get hit again.
"Miyu."
But if I do these kids

ビク
カッチャッ
You brats!
I told you to stay outside...!!
...Who're you?
You got somethin' to say!?
These guys
Just came to us for some cold medicine...
A smile can expand your possibilities"
I'm from the Himuro Clinic.

Liar!!
They...
just didn't want to worry
their beloved mommy.
So please
don't scold them.


I didn't scold them.
I...
Get inside...
ほ
Whew.
カチャ

Thank you!
Haru.
without saying anything.
Sorry for running away
felt love for the first time...
And I've
Lately
I've started to understand a few things

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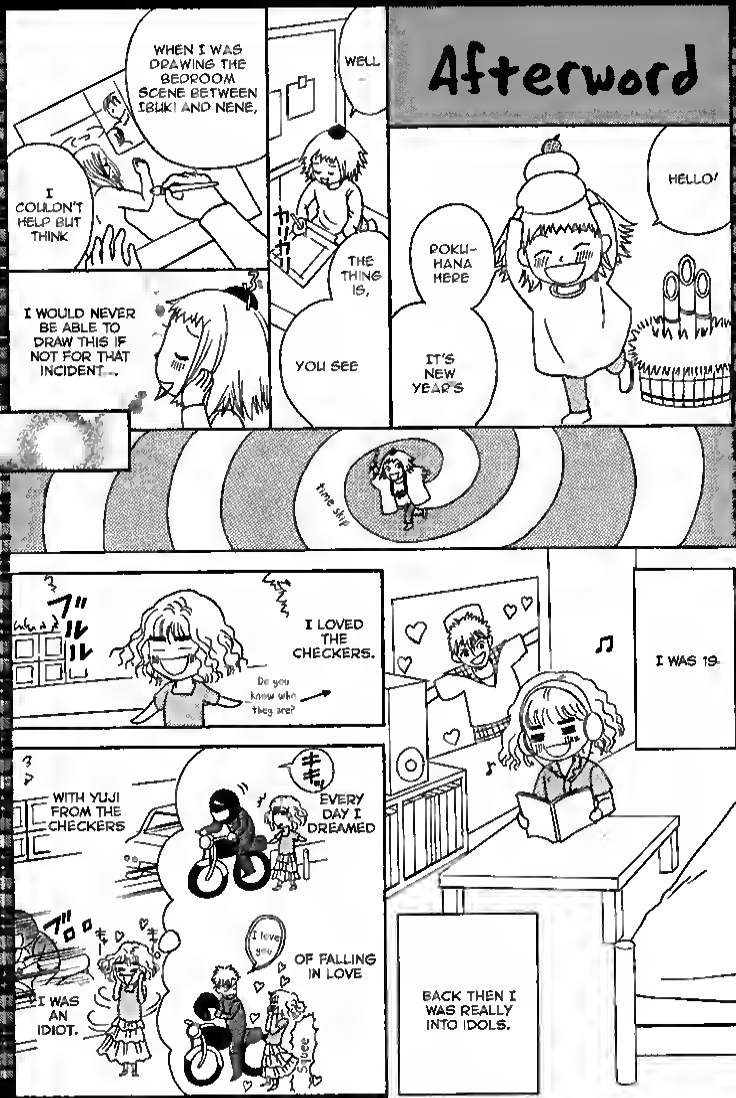
Afterword
HELLO!
POKU-HANA HERE
IT'S NEW YEAR'S
WELL...
THE THING IS,
YOU SEE
I COULDN'T HELP BUT THINK
WHEN I WAS DRAWING THE BEDROOM SCENE BETWEEN IBUKI AND NENE,
I WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO DRAW THIS IF NOT FOR THAT INCIDENT...
time skip
I LOVED THE CHECKERS.
Do you know who they are?
I WAS 19.
BACK THEN I WAS REALLY INTO IDOLS.
WITH YUJI FROM THE CHECKERS
EVERY DAY I DREAMED
I love you
OF FALLING IN LOVE
I WAS AN IDIOT.

M-KUN'S FIRST NUDE!!
I READ THE WORDS "M-KUN'S FIRST NUDE" IN A POPULAR FASHION MAGAZINE!!
NUDE !?
M-KUN WAS MY SECOND FAVORITE IDOL AFTER THE CHECKERS.
THEN I FOUND OUT SOME BIG NEWS.
はっ
ふ"ー
IT'S SUMMER !!
Always half-naked anyway...
A GUY POSING NUDE WOULD MEAN WHAT?
.....
NO
I WANT TO SEE.
POSING NUDE IS OBSCENE
NO. I WON'T BUY IT.
I'VE GOT IT!!
WH-WH-T!? I DON'T WANT TO SEE HIM NUDE.
OH. BUT I DO.
The other me
ぐる
ぐる

I CAN USE IT AS A REFERENCE FOR MANGA.
AND WITH THAT I RACED TO THE BOOK-STORE!!
ゴー
M-KUN'S NUDES WEREN'T "EROTIC", THEY WERE BEAUTIFUL...
I WAS READY TO BUY IT RIGHT AWAY, BUT...
He's so cool
FASHION MAG
Sex Edition
Wip!
And handsome too
Male cashier
Gasp
Ohh! Ohh!
I CAN'T BUY IT
IT'S TOO EMBARRASSING
BACK THEN I JUST COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO PURCHASE SUCH A THING.

IF HE ASKS, I'LL JUST SAY I'M BUYING IT FOR MY MOM.
THERE
Whew
AND I GATHERED MY COURAGE
BUT I WAS DETERMINED NOT TO GIVE UP.
Shojo Manga
SO I CAME UP WITH A PLAN
beep
Thank you
MINE, ALL MINE!
WITH AN INCREDIBLE FEELING OF ACCOMPLISHMENT, I TURNED AROUND

WE CAN LOOK IT OVER
LEISURELY AT HOME!
ポス
WAIT!
カサッ
I'VE GOT IT HERE!
WOW...
AHAHA
I GUESS EVERYONE WANTED TO SEE IT!
THERE WAS MY BEST FRIEND I-CHAN READING THE VERY SAME MAGAZINE!!
I-CHAN!
GEHEHE! YOU LIKE HIM, TOO, EH?
I already bought it

Huh?
YOU'RE NOT I-CHAAAA AAN!
Ahh
Ahh
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Who're you?
Someone else
I-chan
Cashier
Gasp!
People in line

I WISHED FOR NOTHING MORE THAN TO JUST DISAPPEAR.
Sorry, sorry
IF I HAD A TIME MACHINE,
"シュッ"
IN THAT INSTANT
I'D GO BACK AND STOP MYSELF BY FORCE...
I still feel embarrassed about it
BUT WHEN I THINK BACK ON THAT MOMENT,
I'LL KEEP WORKING HARD.
Thank you for reading this far
THESE DAYS I'VE REALLY COME TO APPRECIATE THAT.
EVERY EXPERIENCE CAN BE AN ASSET
Hahaha
I CAN DRAW ANY SCENE, NO MATTER HOW EMBARRASSING!
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